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FLOWER MOUND DENTIST SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

(Sherman, TX) A 47-year-old Flower Mound Dentist has been sentenced to 37 months in federal prison for tax evasion. **ROBERT E. NOLEN** was also ordered by U.S. District Judge Richard Schell to pay a \$60,000 fine and \$435,275 in restitution.

Nolen was convicted of three counts of income tax evasion on November 12, 2004 after a one-week trial. According to information presented by prosecutors, from 1992 to 1999, Nolen attempted to avoid paying federal income tax by not filing federal income tax returns and concealing his income in bank accounts that appeared to be controlled by a third party, when they were in fact controlled by Nolen. It was determined that Nolen owed \$435,275 in federal income tax for this time period. Judge Schell accepted a special finding made by the trial jury that Nolen's scheme involved sophisticated means.

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U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig was pleased with the sentencing, "This is a serious crime with a serious prison sentence. We will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute tax crime in the Eastern District of Texas."

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations Division and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andy Williams and Terri Hagan.

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